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To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman

Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee

c/o State Fire Training

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Subject/Agenda Action Item: Curriculum Development Task Force Update

Recommended Actions: Information Only

Background Information:

As mentioned at previous STEAC meetings there are a number of curriculum projects that are being worked on concurrently. When we began the curriculum revision process earlier this year, we also began with a whole new process. This included new, streamlined curriculum development guidelines, multiple project leads, and the use of editors provided by the College of Continuing Education at Sacramento State University. This action has allowed us to update our certification standards and the corresponding curriculum at a fairly quick pace in an effort to keep our materials current.

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

To date the Firefighter I Certification Training Standard and Course Plan has been completed and presented to STEAC for review and approval. Firefighter II has also been completed and will be presented to STEAC for review and approval. Fire Inspector I and II, which had been previously approved, needed some work to put it in the new curriculum guideline format. The work on Fire Inspector I has now been completed and the CTS document and Course Plan are now available on the SFT website. Fire Inspector II will be available on the SFT website after some minor edits are completed. The other projects including Plans Examiner, Company Officer, Chief Fire Officer, Executive Chief Officer, Fire Service Instructor I, II, and III, are all moving toward completion. For these projects the Development Cadre's have completed their work or will with one more meeting and then the Validation Cadre's will be brought in to complete the project. Once the work is completed these projects will be coming to STEAC for review and approval. We will shortly be initiating work on a new project to develop the CTS and Course Plans for Community Risk Officer. All and all, of the curriculum cadres are doing well as we learn and work with the new system.